

**Cotgrave Town Council Meeting
24th September 2014**

Present : Councillors V Wood (Chairman), R Butler, H Brumpton, C Chewings, M Chewings, P Cousins, W Handbury, I Shaw, B Tansley and Y Wilson.

Apologies Received: Councillors L Attewell, S Gardner, J Rhodes, P Walsh and A Wilkie.

In Attendance : The Clerk, Kath Marriott (RBC), Mark Clifford (Positives Futures) and 15 members of the public.

The meeting was held in Studio 4 of Cotgrave Leisure Centre and commenced at 7.00pm.

Declarations of Interest

1419 No declarations were made.

1420 Standing orders were suspended to allow Mark Clifford to give a presentation on the work of Positive Futures, for Council to present the Citizenship Awards 2014 and to allow Kath Marriott of Rushcliffe Borough Council to give an update on the Strategic Board.

Presentation from Positive Futures

1421 Positive Futures started to help the young people in Cotgrave from April 2009 to help tackle crime hotspots and anti-social behaviour and to change the perceptions of Cotgrave.

1422 Positive Futures, Rushcliffe Borough Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, Police, Metropolitan Housing, Fire Brigade, Cotgrave Town Council formed a partnership to offer a targeted delivery of a project to help change the problems Cotgrave was having.

1423 The partnership working together achieved good results and the young people joined in the projects including learning to make canapés, jewellery making, intergenerational work and community pride projects.

1424 The peer mentors and apprentices were enlisted have all now achieved further employment.

1425 Ten young people were accredited with ASDAN course and over 1000 hours volunteering has been completed from the project. One hundred and twenty three young people have been accredited on other courses during the time of the project.

1426 The first summer project 160 young people attended and over the 5 years over 500 young people have attended holiday programmes including 5 community pride projects and residential.

1427 Positive Futures created the Ready4Work club and this has supported 209 individuals and this has generated £150k worth of salary to local residents. The Job Club now runs on Wednesdays at Cotgrave Leisure Centre, 1-3pm.

1428 The project targeted over 100 young people who needed one to one support and this took over 7K hours to provide. This has increased school attendance and performance by 85%.

1429 The project has won many recognitions and awards including, 'ECB Business of Cricket Awards', Best Community Programme for 2010 and 2011. Nottinghamshire Police gave the project a recommendation in 2011, 2012, and 2013, National finalist in 'Sports & Rec Alliance.

1430 A young person from the project was selected to be an Olympic Torch Bearer in 2012.

- 1431 Overall the project has achieved a reduction of 71.5% in crime, 79.6% in anti-social behaviour and 66.7% in youth crime. This project has saved Cotgrave £2,215,850 in costs.
- 1432 The project will finish being delivered in Cotgrave from December 2014, but the office for Positive Futures will remain in Cotgrave and young people will always be welcome to call. The support in schools for young people needing one to one support will continue.
- 1433 Council thanked Mark and his team for all the work they have done and achieved in Cotgrave since April 2009.

Citizenship Awards

- 1434 This year Council presented five Citizenship Awards but only four residents were able to attend to collect their awards.

The awards were presented to Martin and Lynda Blythe for their volunteering work helping with the Methodist Church and their young church groups, also for youth work outside Cotgrave.

An award was presented to Russ Hamer for his volunteering work on many projects in Cotgrave and his volunteer work outside of Cotgrave.

Colin Booth was presented with his award for his volunteering work helping others in Cotgrave and his time given helping fund raising for the homeless and food banks with the Salvation Army and volunteer for Cancer Research.

John Ludlum was not able to attend and his award will be presented to him at a later date, his award was for his volunteering work on projects in Cotgrave and his work with the Royal British Legion.

Strategic Board

- 1435 Katherine Marriott, Rushcliffe Borough Council Link Officer for Cotgrave gave an update on the new development, Hollygate Park, employment land and the town centre. (As reproduced on the opposite pages).
- 1436 Kath Marriott replied to a previous question regarding the rehoming of residents in Scotland Bank, all residents who will need to be rehomed will be given somewhere to live.
- 1437 Kath Marriott updated on the apprenticeship schemes, over 40 people have or are taking part in the courses to allow them to work towards an Construction Card, which allows people to work on building sites, 4 apprentices are now in apprenticeship employment, 2 have gone to Derby, 1 working for Sirius and 1 working with a joiner.
- 1438 Councillor Wood asked if a timeline could be produced to be put into the noticeboards showing how the project is hoped to be developed.
- 1439 Councillors thanked Katherine Marriott for the update.

1440 Standing orders were resumed at 8.03pm

Public Open Session

1441 No discussions were requested by the public.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

1442 **Resolved** : "That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 9th July 2014 be received and confirmed as a true record".

Progress

1443 M1370 Colston Gate Junction

The signage on the junction of Colston Gate is to be improved and some additional visibility measures on Hollygate Lane near to this junction.

If anyone has any further ideas to improve this junction, please pass onto Councillor Butler, who will consider them with Nottinghamshire County Council Highways Department.

1444 M1392 Cotgrave Futures

A letter of thanks has been received from the Chairman of Cotgrave Futures, thanking Cotgrave Town Council for the grant given to replace the CCTV camera.

1440 M1407 Cotgrave Festival5

The grant awarded by the Big Lottery has now been paid into the Cotgrave Town Council bank account.

The Festival committee are organising the goods to be purchased, this includes a marquee, staging and some further PA equipment.

A further update on the items bought will be published in the next edition of Cotgrave Connections due out in December 2014.

1446 M1412 Wildflower Meadow

Councillor Brumpton said that Cotgrave Town Council had been awarded up to 100 fruit and nut trees, for which she had made an enquiry prior to the decision not to continue this project.

A further update of this will be discussed at the next Recreational and Park Committee in October.

Review of Recreation and Parks Committee Meeting held on 16th July 2014

1447 Councillor R Butler presented the minutes and took questions.

1448 M1035 Grass Cuttings

The Clerk has received composting information regarding grass cuttings from the National Allotment Society but the final decision has yet to be made whether to allow allotment holders to bring grass cuttings from their private gardens.

This will be discussed at the next Recreational and Park Committee meeting on 8th October 2014.

1449 M1060 Fencing at Forest Close Allotments

The new fence has been erected at Forest Close allotments.

The allotment holders are very pleased with the new fence.

Review of Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 23rd July 2014

1450 Councillor C Chewings presented the minutes and took questions.

1451 M795 WWI Project

Councillor Wilson and M Chewings expressed their thanks to Councillor Shaw and team for the WWI project weekend, which was a great success.

All councillors also thanked Councillor Shaw and team for the work done on the project and the ongoing work.

The WWI event was well attended and enjoyed by all who came.

1452 M799 Fire at Cotgrave Country Park.

No one has been charged regarding the recent arson attack at the Country Park but the police have been given several names and these people have been spoken to.

The police have been operating late night patrols in the country park and had caught a person lighting a fire to a bin near Heron Lake.

The person was taken home by the police and the next day repaired the damage. The fishing club did not want to take the matter any further.

1453 M800 Motorbikes

Councillor Wilson noted that the problem was still ongoing of speeding and noisy motorbikes.

The Clerk has spoken to the local police and they are aware of the problem.

The police have noted that cars are racing on Nottingham Road and have put measures in to stop this.

Review of Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 3rd September 2014

1454 Councillor C Chewings presented the minutes and took questions.

1455 M830 Local Developer

Two architects have met with Councillor Wood to discuss a small area of land on the edge of Cotgrave which is owned by a local developer which may be considered for building in the future.

The two architects wanted some background information on what Cotgrave has to offer living here.

Councillor Wood and the Clerk answered all the questions about living in Cotgrave but didn't comment on the area that may be planned for building in the future.

The two architects were happy with the information they were given.

1456 M831 Tree Pruning

Councillor Tansley noted the tree had been pruned at The Cross and the area was looking much better.

He gave thanks to Council's contracted Groundsman.

Planning Minutes

1457 **Resolved** : "To confirm the planning minutes recording the decisions taken by the Council and those of the Planning authority".

Grants

1458 A letter has been received from Vitalise requesting a grant form.

1459 A grant form will be sent asking for assurances that people from Cotgrave still use this service now the respite care is located on the south and north coast of England and to give details of what other previous grants from Cotgrave Town council have been used for.

Internal Auditor

1460 Council have received a letter of termination from the current internal auditor, Karen Knight, asking Council to recruit a new internal auditor.

The Clerk on behalf of Council has contacted several local councils regarding their internal auditor and has located an Internal Auditor, David Slight, who carries out work on behalf of Bingham and Southwell and several other small villages.

1461 **Resolved** : "To appoint Mr D Slight as Cotgrave Town Council Internal Auditor for 2014-15".

Hedge & Buffer Zone Quotes

- 1462 A quote from Kent Services has been received to add an additional buffer zone in Madison Park to the grass cutting contract they do on behalf of Cotgrave Town Council.
- One buffer zone is already maintained on the original contract but not the second buffer zone.
- An additional cost of £20.00 per visit to cut and maintain the second buffer zone.

1463 **Resolved** : "To add the additional buffer zone on Madison Park onto the grass cutting contract at a cost of £20.00 per visit."

- 1464 The hedge cutting work required by Council and quotes have been deferred to the next Recreation and Parks meeting due to a shortage of time and information to discuss fully.

1465 **Resolved** : 'To move standing orders by 10 minutes'

Christmas Lights Event 2014

- 1466 The date this year's Christmas Lights Event will be held on is 28th November 2014 from 3pm until 5.30pm.

- 1467 The volunteers who are organising the event, are three members of Council and the Clerk are asking Cotgrave Town Council to consider increasing the budget for the event.

This year an inflatable Christmas Grotto may need to be hired, as there may not be a shop available for use on the precinct. The cost of which will be approximately £700.

1468 **Resolved** : 'To approve an increase in the budget for the Christmas Lights Event to £1000.'

Correspondence

- 1469 South Nottinghamshire Academy

A letter has been received South Nottinghamshire and South Wolds Academy stating that both Schools have places available for students from Cotgrave and their concerns if the bid to build a Free School was successful, how it may affect both of the established schools.

Councillor Wood has contacted Dan Phillpotts, the Head Teacher from South Nottinghamshire Academy to discuss this matter.

- 1470 Nottinghamshire County Council

An email has been received offering Councils to submit schemes for the 'Supporting Local Communities' fund which will allow Councils to deliver projects that will offer environmental, economic and community benefits.

Clerks Reports

- 1471 The costs for RBS, Rialtas Business Solutions have been received for April 2015, the cost for using the service has risen by 2%, the cost will be £375 plus 45p mileage per day and the Annual Return and Year End Closedown will cost £470 plus 45p mileage per day.

1472 The Clerk showed the new outdoor gym equipment that has been installed at Oakfield Park, Blaby at a cost of approximately £25k for 10 pieces of equipment.

This will be discussed further at the next Recreation and Park meeting.

1473 The Clerk updated the Council on the Groundsman, he has had his operation and all went well and is expected to return to work sometime in December 2014.

Councillors' Reports

1474 Councillor Shaw informed that the WWI project had come in under the budget given to the project and has asked Council if the remaining budget can be used over the next 3 years, up to 2018 to continue to commemorate special dates during the period.

Council were all in agreement for this project to continue and use the allocated budget.

1475 Councillor M Chewings has been asked again if the issue of motorbikes riding along the alleyway on Eastwold considered again.

Councillor M Chewings asked if Councillor Butler would contact the resident and discuss the matter.

Councillor Butler agreed and will contact the resident.

1476 Councillor Wilson enquired who would attending the next Councillors Surgery on 15th November 2014 at 10am in Cotgrave Library.

Councillor Wood asked for volunteers to attend this meeting and then asked for this to be reviewed at the Full Council meeting on 3rd December 2014.

This would be a long term project and volunteers would be required from the beginning of the project.

Councillor Wood has suggested that the project be reconsidered at a future date and no further work on this idea.

Staffing Matters

1477 **Resolved** : "That the press and the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of a staffing matter on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.12pm.

Chairman: Signed as a True Record (Date):